

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-9 and 12-14 are pending in the application. Claims 15-26 have been cancelled without prejudice due to the restriction requirement. Claims 1, 6 and 12 have been amended and claims 4, 5, 10 and 11 are cancelled. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

1. Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 1 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Umemoto et al. (US 2003/0043315). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on the following remarks.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate elements of claim 4. Claim 4 was indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Thus, the rejection of claims 1 and 14 under U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Umemoto is respectively traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 14 are patentable over Umemoto. As amended, claim 1 recites a liquid crystal display module including, for example, “optical sheets disposed on the low refractive index layer; and a polarizer disposed on the optical sheets to polarize light from the optical sheets”. As recognized by the Examiner, Umemoto fails to teach, either expressly or inherently, at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claim 14 which depend from claim 1 is not anticipated by Umemoto.

2. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 2, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Umemoto et al in view of Yamamoto et al (US 5,341,231).

Claims 2, 7 and 8 depend from allowable claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 7 and 8 are patentable over Umemoto.

Claims 3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Umemoto et al in view of Gotoh et al. (US 2002/0154256).

Claims 3 and 9 depend from allowable claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3 and 9 are patentable over Umemoto.

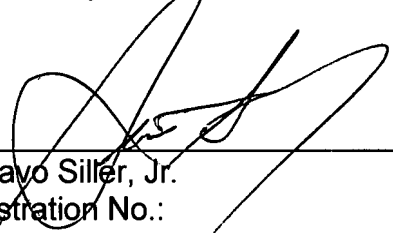
In view of the above remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that Umemoto in view of Yamamoto and further in view of Gotoh does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations and thus a prima facie case of obviousness has not be established. Accordingly, rejection against claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, rejections against claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 14 have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

3. Conclusion

Based on the above amendment and remarks, the Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance.

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